

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

NOVEMBER 17, 2018

SERVING FROM 11AM -1:00



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Message from Pastor Anne for Autumn, October 2018

As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives. Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden. All the religious traditions pay tribute to such acts of relinquishment. Fall is the right time to practice getting out of the way and letting Spirit (God) take charge of our lives. In *Kinds of Power* James Hillman challenges us to learn from others about this: "For what the actor tries to achieve on stage is to 'get out of the way' so that the character he or she is portraying can come fully out. So, too, the writer and the painter; they have to get out of the way of the flow of the work onto paper and the canvas." In *Lovingkindness* Sharon Salzberg writes about one of the offshoots of letting go: "Generosity has such power because it is characterized by the inner quality of letting go or relinquishing. Being able to let go, to give up, to renounce, and to give generously – these capacities spring from the same source within us. They carry us to a profound knowing of freedom, and they also are the loving expression of that same state of freedom." Fall, then, is the perfect season to give generously of our time and talents to friends, family, neighbors, and others you are blessed to meet.

Our Adult/Teen Sunday School Class for fall has begun! We are using the text *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancy and study guide by Brenda Quinn. The class meets every Sunday morning, 9:45 – 10:45 AM at the church. You are welcome to drop-in as your schedule allows. This study will end on November 25. December 2, first Sunday of Advent, will we begin using the "United Church of Christ Advent Devotional 2018" for our class. Please consider joining us! Lots of conversation and learning for all!

May your autumn be blessed! Join us for worship Sundays at 11:00 AM. Communion celebrated the first Sunday of every month. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

With love and blessings ~ Pastor Anne

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ADULTS \$10.00

KIDS UNDER 12 YRS \$5.00

Take out is available.

ROAST TURKEY

MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY

SWEET POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS

FRESH ROLLS WITH BUTTER AND JELLY

RELISH TRAYS AND AMAZING DESSERTS

COFFEE, TEA, OR PUNCH

**If you would like to provide a dessert for the dinner please
contact Nancy Karlson 487-3740. Help serving and
cleaning up is always greatly appreciated.**

FARMER'S MARKET



A very successful summer season for the local Farmer's Market took place in Mother's Park north of the Church. It was a grand display of garden produce, homemade jellies and jams, pickles, and pie fillings. The home bakers were out in full force with breads, rolls, donuts, pies, fruit breads, and cake. Fabric kitchen items and bags were there in a variety of colors.

The knife sharpener was a newcomer to the Market as well as in the Valley. His one of a kind knives were beautiful and his ability to sharpen scissors and knives is a welcome service.

Off and on there were children manning a booth with their crafts or baked goods or local women with tamales for sale.

This is a wonderful service to our valley and it is a great pleasure, for the church family, to have the park busy.

UCC CHURCH EMBLEM

The United Church of Christ emblem arrived and has been placed on the restored sign in front of the church. We want to thank Cindy Price for ordering it and Norm McCallister for helping with the placement. The new look to the sign has been a great improvement to the front of the church. Please take a minute to stop and see the sign.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECITAL.

RECITAL DECEMBER 2, 2018 5 PM

Shirley Lyons would smile to think the Christmas Recital has become a community event each year at the church. She worked with her students and planned the recital for years and years. There was always a nice crowd of family and parents to watch their children or friends perform.

That is still the essence of the Annual Christmas Recital. I love to see the families and friends there to watch their special performers and then to see those who love to come and let this event begin their Christmas season. It does warm my heart.

I have started planning the recital and am actively seeking performers. We always have a broad array of artists painting a picture of Christmas joy with voice, instruments, or readings. We are always happy to add new performers.

If you are interested in taking part either as a return guest or new act please contact me and let me know what you would like to do.

I will be contacting many by letter or email and am looking forward to seeing what the program will be this year. Welcome Aboard!!





THE WINTER COATS AND WARM WINTER GEAR ARE ON DISPLAY AT COLLBRAN SUPPLY, 203 MAIN STREET, COLLBRAN. COME IN DURING STORE HOURS AND LOOK

FOR WARM WINTER COATS FOR THE FAMILY. DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE STORE OR THE COLLBRAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS.

We have received a wonderful donation of kid's coats and some snow pants from a friend of the church. We are always in need of larger sizes for adults, both men and women. We want to express our great appreciation to Fred Feller and staff for making room for the racks.



Womens Fellowship has

started their season of meetings and have gathered the coats all year long for the Coat Giveaway at the Collbran Supply. There are hats and mittens or gloves for the pre-school and kindergarten classes at Plateau Valley School. A drive for new or mismatched socks took place for the annual sock drive for Homeward Bound. They have been delivered. A collection of new socks for Veterans Hospital will take place in November.

The Turkey Dinner November 17th will be their next big undertaking. The proceeds from the dinner go to help support the church.

The women of the church served several family dinners during the summer for those who had lost a loved one. This is a service we are proud to provide. It was wonderful for the Hittle/Silzell family to feel at home in the kitchen and dining room preparing and serving the family dinner for Richard Donner family and friends. This valley has far reaching ties to so many and it is special to have them come home, one last time.

**ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
20, 2019, FOLLOWING A POT LUCK DINNER
AFTER CHURCH.**

Reports are needed from all of the officers and committee heads by January 5th. This will give us time to put the annual report together prior to the meeting. If anyone has questions please contact Sue Bellotti for financial information or Cindy Price on layout.